

Amendment No. 1 to SB1173

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1173

House Bill No. 1164*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 20, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The commissioner of safety, in consultation with the commissioner of human resources, shall ensure that a minimum of five (5) Tennessee highway patrol officers, and one (1) Tennessee highway patrol sergeant, are allocated to a county that:

(1) Is designated as a tier 3 or tier 4 enhancement county, in accordance with § 67-4-2109;

(2) Has a size that is greater than six hundred square miles (600 sq. mi.); and

(3) Has a population of not less than twenty thousand (20,000) and not more than fifty thousand (50,000), according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census.

(b) An allocation under this section must first fill vacant positions, if any, in the specified county. If no vacant position exists in the county, or if there are not enough vacant positions in the county, then the commissioner of safety, in consultation with the commissioner of human resources, shall reallocate or shift existing vacant positions across this state to such county, subject to subsection (d).

(c) An allocation made under this section must not be for a specialized unit.

(d) The commissioner of safety is not required to comply with subsection (a) if:

(1) The department of safety does not have the funding or vacant positions available to meet the requirements in subsection (a); or

(2) The positions required under subsection (a) are being used for other purposes within the department of safety and cannot be maintained in the designated county in subsection (a) due to the department's need to utilize the positions elsewhere.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.